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Lake County Alcohol Compliance Checks

The Lake County Sheriff's Office conducts alcohol compliance checks at Lake County liquor selling establishments. The compliance checks are designed to ensure establishments vending alcohol are not selling to anyone under the age of 21.

In April, Lake County Sheriff's Detectives concluded the first yearly round of alcohol compliance checks. Of the 57 establishments tested, seven of them sold alcohol to someone under the age of 21.

Of the seven establishments in violation, four of them failed to check the identification of the underage customer and three checked identification, but sold alcohol to the underage person anyway.

Sheriff Mark Curran said, "The potential for tragedy to occur significantly increases when our youth consume alcohol, which is exactly why we conduct these compliance checks. It is extremely important for liquor selling establishments to take their responsibilities seriously and help keep our youth safe."

The establishments and clerks in violation are:

Establishment:

Shell Gas Station 41867 North Route 41 Wadsworth, IL Clerk: Joseph Satheesh, 27

Establishment:

Anna's Marketplace 38512 North Sheridan Road Beach Park, IL

Clerk:

John Holland, 39

Establishment:

7-Eleven 37763 North Green Bay Road Beach Park, IL

Clerk:

Mohammed Ali, 62

Establishment:

Lake Bluff Petroleum 218 Waukegan Road Lake Bluff, IL

Clerk:

Sameer Riaz, 30

Establishment:

Country Corner 1741 Diamond Lake Road Mundelein, IL

Clerk:

Lalitkumar Patel, 51

Establishment:

Gages Lake Shell 33978 North Route 45 Grayslake, IL

Clerk:

Dennis Pighatari, 60

Establishment:

Thorntons 34225 North Route 45 Third Lake, IL

Clerk:

Ceonte Garcia, 21

All of the clerks in violation were ticketed for selling liquor to a minor. All are required to appear in Waukegan court.

Sheriff Curran reminds the public the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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